SRI A. NESAMONY : May I know who amended the Land Tax Act? Was it the Kerala Legislative Assembly or this Assembly?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I have already stated in my answer that under the Madras Coinage Act, 1960, sub-section (1) of section 5 of the Travancore-Cochin Land Tax Act, 1955, which is in force in Kanyakumari district, has been amended, altering the rate of basic tax from three pies per cent of land per annum to two naye paise per cent of land per annum. The fact is that it has been amended. For the question, by whom it has been amended, I want notice.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know what is the difference in the collection per acre in respect of 1957–58 and this year?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Forty-four naye paise.

SRI T. T. DANIEL : In view of the fact that actually village officers are collecting the tax in advance in the first quarter, will the Government issue instructions to the Collector that they should not make such advance collections?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No, Sir. The hon. Member may kindly write to me about it and I shall look into it.

SRI A. NESAMONY : Has it been brought to the notice of the Government that several provisions of the Land Tax Act have been declared void by the Supreme Court of India on the ground that they have been discriminatory and if so, whether the Government have proposed to take any action, to amend those provisions of the Act in the light of the decision of the Supreme Court?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir. I also heard about it. The matter is being looked into and necessary steps will be taken after considering the point, whether we should proceed on the basis of basic land tax or on any other basis?

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know whether the Hon. Minister is in possession of information relating to the total collection of land tax in the first quarter of this year and in the previous year? May I also know whether any of the village officers were suspended for their failure to make full collection?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Arising from the main question, I shall not be able to answer these queries. If the hon. Member addressed me about it, I shall let him know it.

Drinking water for Madras City

* 1584 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the present stage of the investigation of the scheme of bringing the Cauvery Waters to Madras city?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The investigation of the scheme is in progress.

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SRI A. A. RASHEED : May I know whether the Union Government have been approached for any aid for this scheme?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Now it is in the investigation stage. Before we approach any body we must have better materials and we must know the amount of aid that we require. So, only when we know the exact thing, we can approach them.

Forests Training School (Sathanur Dam).

* 1585 Q.—SRI P. S. SANTHANAM : கனம் உள்துறை அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

சாத்தனூர் அணைக்கட்டில் காலியாக இருக்கும் கட்டிடங்களில் பாரஸ்டு கார்டு (Forest Guard) பாரஸ்டர் இவர்களுக்குப் பயிற்சி அளிக்க அங்கு பாரஸ்டு போதனைமுறைப் பாடசாலை ஆரம்பிக்க உத்தேசமுண்டா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, I would request the Chair to go back to the previous question as some important supplementaries have to be put . . .

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister has stated that the matter is in the investigation stage and so it is not necessary to put supplementary questions . That is why I have passed on to the next question. I know the importance of supplementary questions.

Name Boards in P. & T. Offices.

* 1586 Q.—SRI A. V. P. ASAITHAMBI (on behalf of SRI M. P. SARATHI) : கனம் உள்துறை அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) தமிழ் நாட்டிலுள்ள தபால் தந்தி நிலையங்களின் பெயர் பலகைகள் யாவும் தமிழில் எழுதப்படவேண்டுமென மத்திய அரசினருக்கு முறையீடு ஏதேனும் செய்யப்பட்டுள்ளதா ?

(இ) அப்படியானால் அதன் விபரமென்ன ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (அ) & (இ) No, Sir. The P & T. Department have stated that their general policy is to indicate the names of Posts and Telegraphs Offices in three languages viz., Hindi, English and the regional language, that this policy is adopted in the case of all new constructions and that in respect of existing name boards indication of the name in Tamil and other regional language has also been taken up. They have, however, stated that there is no propsal to exhibit postal notices in Tamil or other regional language.